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SUBJECT: CSCE/CBM'S: "DER SPIEGEL" REPORT ON SOVIET
MANEUVER OBSERVERS

1. THE AUGUST 2 EDITION OF "DER SPIEGEL" CONTAINS A
SHORT ARTICLE ENTITLED "EASTERN OBSERVERS" IN THE
PANORAMA SECTION OF THE MAGAZINE WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

"IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CSCE HELSINKI AGREEMENT,
FOR THE FIRST TIME MILITARY OBSERVERS FROM THE WARSAW
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PACT STATES WILL ATTEND THE LARGE FALL MANEUVER

("GROSSER BAER") WHICH THE BUNDESWEHR IS HOLDING AT THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER TOGETHER WITH OTHER NATO UNITS IN NORTHERN GERMANY. THE SOVIETS HAVE LET IT BE KNOWN THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS THAT THEY WILL ACCEPT BONN'S INVITATION. LAST YEAR DEFENSE MINISTER GEORG LEBER WANTED TO MAKE POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION BY EASTERN BLOC OFFICERS IN THE "GROSSE ROCHADE" MANEUVER, BUT MET RESISTANCE FROM NATO AT THAT TIME BECAUSE THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE MANEUVER OBSERVERS HAD NOT BEEN CLARIFIED. LEBER: "WE HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE."

2. OUR FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCES CAN SHED NO LIGHT ON THE ORIGIN OF THIS PARTICULAR REPORT WHICH ERRS BADLY ABOUT LAST YEAR'S INVITATIONS. HOWEVER, CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PREPARED IN CASE THE QUESTION COMES UP AT THE NOON PRESS BRIEFING. IF ASKED, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN PLANS TO SAY THAT IT IS TOO EARLY TO SAY WHO WILL ATTEND THE FALL MANEUVERS, BUT THAT THE FRG PLANS TO IMPLEMENT THE FINAL ACT PROVISIONS REGARDING CBM'S.
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